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## GERMANS SWITCHING POINTS OF ATTACK

Hammering Away to the Northwest of Verdun in Effort to Move Further South

INFANTRY ON VERDUN FRONT REMAINS INACTIVE

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Switching their activity from the east to the northwest of Verdun, the Germans again are hammering at the salient of Le Mort Homme and the region of the Bois Bourrus, in an endeavor to bring their line farther south on the western flank of the fortifications.

East of the Meuse and in the Woerwe district there has been a noticeable lull in the fighting on both sides. The infantry everywhere on the Verdun front has been inactive.

In line with the bombardment of Le Mort Homme and the Bois Bourrus the Germans are assembling men in the region between Forges and Bois des Corbeaux, probably with the intention of throwing them into the fray, should the intense bombardment prove successful. The French aeroplanes, however, have had this assembling point under the fire of their guns. No advantage is claimed by either side in the last fighting around the fortress.

Back of the German line north of Verdun a French squadron dropped 130 bombs on the station at Brulles and at numerous points around Verdun. French and German aviators have

met in combats in the air with the advantage incontestably of the French, according to Paris. At least three German aeroplanes are declared to have been brought down while others were seen by the French observers to be in distress.

In the region of Seppois, Upper Alsace, the Germans have had an attack on trenches the French had captured, but were repulsed with considerable losses.

The French guns have damaged Germans north of the Alsace, in Champagne and in the eastern portion of the forest of the Argonne.

In northwest Russia around Riga, in the Ilkusk district and on the Jacobstad sector, there have been violent artillery duels.

In Galicia, southeast of Kluik and along the middle Stripa river the Russians have been successful in small engagements with the Austrians.

In the coastal region of the Caucasus the fighting has been still driving the Turks before them.

Unofficial advice as to the effect that Admiral Von Tirpitz, the German minister of marine, is ill and that the ministry is in charge of another official.

## PLANS FOR MOBILIZATION OF PACIFIC NAVAL FLEET

In Event of Trouble on West Coast of Mexico.

San Diego, Calif., March 13.—Tentative plans for the disposition of the vessels of the Pacific fleet in San Diego harbor in event of trouble on the west coast of Mexico have been outlined by Admiral Cameron McK. Winslow.

The transport Buffalo and the armored cruiser Albatross would be employed in transporting the Fourth Regiment of Marines, now at the expedition here, and field equipment. The protected cruiser Milwaukee would displace the supply ship Ripley, Perry, Stewart and Paul Jones south.

The battleship San Diego, acting independently of the fleet, will steam south at the first sign of trouble.

Vessels of the Pacific fleet now engaged in patrol duty on the west coast of Mexico and Central America are the cruisers Chattanooga, at Acapulco and at Guaymas, the Cleveland at Acapulco and the Denver at Corinto, Nicaragua.

## CONNECTICUT EDITORS IN ANNUAL MEETING

Theodore Bodenwein of New London One of the Vice Presidents.

New Haven, Conn., March 13.—The Connecticut Editorial Association at its annual meeting here today elected the following officers: President, Fred W. Lyons, Milford City; secretary, Arthur S. Barnes, Bristol Press; auditor, W. C. Sharp, Seymour Record; vice presidents by counties: New Haven, E. G. Hill, New Haven Register; Hartford, W. J. Hill, Manchester Herald; Fairfield, D. W. Workman, Ridgefield Press; Litchfield, John M. Rodemeyer, New Britain Press; Western New Britain, W. L. O. Williams, Putnam Patriot; New London, Theodore Bodenwein, New London Day; Middlesex, E. F. Pratt, River River Era; Tolland, Louis McLaughlin, Stafford Springs Press.

## ANTON RETKOVITZ EXECUTED

PROTESTING HIS INNOCENCE

For Murder of Mrs. Domba Peremebida in Fall River.

Boston, March 14.—Anton Retkovitz was electrocuted in the state prison early today for the murder of Mrs. Domba Peremebida in Fall River just two years ago.

The current was applied at 12.05. He was officially pronounced dead at 12.09.10.

He protested his innocence to the last. Circumstantial evidence played a large part in the conviction of Retkovitz. He was tried twice. He discouraged all offers of intervention with the governor.

Mrs. Peremebida was killed with a razor. The police learned that Retkovitz had lived with the woman in Pennsylvania and that he had followed her to Fall River, threatening her when she refused to return to him.

## SPEAKER CLARK NOT A DELEGATE TO NAT. CONVENTION

Impossible for Him to Act Because House Will Be in Session.

Washington, March 13.—Speaker Champ Clark will not be a delegate to the democratic national convention at St. Louis next June. He announced today that it would be impossible for him to act as a delegate, as many Missouri democrats have suggested, because the house probably would be in session at convention time. Under the rules he cannot appoint an acting speaker for more than one day except in case of illness.

## SENATE COMMITTEE TO REOPEN BRANDEIS HEARING

Testimony to Be Taken Regarding Old Dominion Copper Co. Case.

Washington, March 13.—The senate sub-committee investigating Louis D. Brandeis' fitness to become a supreme court justice decided today to reopen hearings. William T. Fitzgerald and Charles E. Smith, both of Boston, will be examined tomorrow in regard to Mr. Brandeis' relation to the Old Dominion Copper company case, in which the company was forced by court decree to refund \$2,000,000 to the company. William S. Youngman, a Boston attorney, has asked to be heard further regarding the Warren will case.

Austen G. Fox, attorney for opponents of confirmation of Mr. Brandeis, announced today that he might ask for an investigation of Mr. Brandeis' conduct as counsel for the public in the case of the Boston and Albany street board of trade in the fight against consolidation of Boston gas companies.

## PROBLEMS BRITISH COALITION MINISTRY MUST FACE

Protest of Married Men and the Air Defense Plan.

London, March 14, 1.46 a. m.—The coalition ministry will face two urgent problems in the morning when the army estimates which begin in the house of commons today. Both questions have been matters of greatest public interest.

The first problem is that of the married men under enlistment who are protesting against the manner in which the compulsory military service law is being carried out. The second is the air defense problem, which has been given fresh prominence by the remarkable victory of Pemberton Billings in the election to the house of commons over the united forces of the coalition on a platform demanding sweeping changes in the air defenses of England.

## TO CONCENTRATE SQUAD OF TRAINED AVIATORS.

For Possible Service With United States Troops in Mexico.

New York, March 13.—A squad of trained aviators will be concentrated immediately for possible service with the United States troops in Mexico, according to an announcement tonight by the Aero Club of America. While the squad is being prepared, a second squad of twenty fliers will be held in readiness. W. Leonard Bonney, formerly in command of General Carranza's aviation force, will have charge.

The Aero club has offered its aid to the government in furnishing machines and aviators and Secretary of War Baker has informed the club that its offer will be accepted if occasion arises.

## MANITOBA VOTES APPROVAL OF PROVINCIAL TEMPERANCE.

All Bares in Province Must Close May 31—Vote Two to One.

Winnipeg, Man., March 13.—By a vote of slightly more than two to one voters of the province of Manitoba today approved the provincial temperance act which closes all bars, which sale liquor houses and licensed clubs in the province after May 31 next.

Stormy weather throughout Manitoba today prevented a heavy vote on the referendum to prohibit the sale of intoxicating liquors in this province. Around Brandon City snow was so high that farmers were unable to reach the polls.

## Cabled Paragraphs

Queen Victoria Has Bronchitis. Stockholm, March 13, via London. March 13.—Queen Victoria of Sweden is suffering from an attack of bronchitis.

Paris Newspaper Suspended. Paris, March 13, 5.40 p. m.—The newspaper L'Esclair has been suspended for four days. It insisted upon publication this morning and the edition was seized.

## AMERICAN BATTLESHIPS IN TEST BOMBARDMENTS.

The New York and Arkansas Hurled Shells All Day Long.

Mobile, Ala., March 13.—An experiment unique in the country's military history was begun here today when two American battleships, the New York and the Arkansas, bombarded armor test fortifications near Fort Morgan. All day long the two ships hurled their big projectiles from their main batteries into the fortifications with high officials of the army and navy departments looking on. The result of the test, which ultimately is expected to have an important bearing on the fortifications legislation, were not announced.

General William Crozier, chief of ordnance of the army, General William L. B. Smith, chief of engineers and Representative Shirley, chairman of the house sub-committee on fortifications, were among the officials who watched the operations. Merchant craft had been warned out of the danger zone and the Mobile quarantine station was abandoned during the firing.

It was explained at Fort Morgan that the bombardment arranged by the bureau of fortifications was being carried out through cooperation of the army and navy departments, with a view for target practice as well as for armor testing. It was understood that the firing would continue tomorrow at varied ranges.

## CROSS OF WAR AWARDED AMERICAN AMBULANCE MEN

As a Result of Their Work During Battles in France.

Paris, March 13, 4.10 p. m.—Twelve additional men of the field service American ambulance have been cited in the order of the day and will receive the cross of war for their work in the mountainous Chihuahua-Sonora border in the order of the day.

They were with the section which has been working in Alsace for nearly a year and they were awarded this honor as a result of their work in the region during the recent hard battle about Hartmanns-Weilerkopf. The names of these men are:

Loving III, E. J. Curley, Durant Rice, Stephen Galati, Marquard Walter and Joseph Mellen, all of New York; Henry M. Buckley, of Rheineck, N. Y.; Frank J. Putnam of Boston (all the preceding being graduates of the American military school at Philadelphia); a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania; Louis Doyle, a graduate of Yale university; and a graduate of the University of Michigan.

## COURSE IN MILITARY TRAINING AT U. OF P.

Trustees Have Granted Petition of Students for Its Installation.

Philadelphia, March 13.—The trustees of the University of Pennsylvania today granted the petition of students asking for the installation of a course of military training at the university. The plan provides for lectures, camp and field work, three hours each week, and will be completed by the end of the year. The course will not interfere with the existing system of credits. About 500 students are now ready to enter it.

## CABARETS MAY CONTINUE TO AMUSE CHICAGOANS.

But "Wet" Cafes Must Close at 1 a. m. Week Days.

Chicago, March 13.—Cabarets may continue to amuse night life in Chicago, according to a vote of the judiciary committee of the council today. The committee voted 8 to 4 to retain this form of amusement.

The committee, however, voted that "wet" cafes must close at one o'clock week days and midnight Saturdays the same as saloons. Hitherto the restaurants were permitted to remain open providing no intoxicants were sold.

## MEXICAN TROOPS MOBILIZED SOUTH OF ARIZONA BORDER

Force of 5,000 With Fifteen Pieces of Artillery.

Douglas, Ariz., March 13.—It was definitely learned tonight that General Calles has mobilized about 5,000 Carranza troops at Cabullona, 18 miles south of the Arizona border. Carranza troops declare there are possibly 8,000 men at Cabullona. This force has 15 pieces of artillery. General Calles has been gathering Carranza troops several days, having announced they will join in the pursuit of Villa.

## AMERICAN SURGEON HAD NARROW ESCAPE FROM BOMB.

Dropped from a German Taube Outside His Window.

London, March 13, 7.02 p. m.—Dr. F. Warren Peart, who was a surgeon in the United States army during the Spanish-American war, had a narrow escape recently from a bomb dropped from a German Taube outside his window in the hospital of which he is chief surgeon somewhere in Belgium.

## REFUSED TO INDICT WOMAN WHO KILLED HER HUSBAND.

She Said He Was Attempting to Beat Her With a Razor Strop.

Atlanta, Ga., March 13.—The county grand jury today refused to indict Mrs. Edward Pannell, who shot and killed her husband when she said he was attempting to beat her with a razor strop. She was ordered released from jail.

## 12,000 Troops Along the Border

WITH FORTY MOUNTAIN AND FIELD GUN BATTERIES

LINE 200 MILES LONG

Belief Prevailed That the Movement Would Begin Thursday—Brigadier General Pershing to Lead the Force.

Columbus, N. M., March 13.—Approximately 12,000 troops with forty mountain and field gun batteries are on the border tonight between Douglas, Arizona and El Paso, a line about 200 miles long. A little more than one-third of this force was cavalry.

## Columbus a Military Establishment.

From a camp of a few hundred men, Columbus today grew to a military establishment of nearly 2,000 with indications there would be more to follow. Further evidence that this point may be the starting place of the largest military movement since the revolution appeared in the erection of headquarters for Brigadier General John J. Pershing, Major General Funston announced today, will be the leader of the expeditionary force.

## Plans Talked Of.

Officers here talked of a march straight southward in pursuit of Villa. Troop movements seemed to indicate reports that while the Columbus column is striking south another column will be made from the vicinity of El Paso and a third from the Arizona line somewhere near Douglas. Both the El Paso and Douglas movements would be able to follow the rail line, while the central column from here would have to go overland across a desert.

## Villa's Position Watched.

Villa's position today, according to reports received by General Pablo Peralt, in command of 2,000 soldiers, was still near Corralitos, where he stopped more than two days ago. Troop trains bearing cavalrymen, artillery, signal and hospital detachments and several trainloads of freight were being sent today. Army wagons rumbled all day through clouds of dust, each wagon piled high with supplies.

## Mexicans Closely Watched.

In the town of Columbus the conduct of Mexicans who are American citizens is being watched. This work was assigned to the new military police force of Columbus. The town is a center of Mexican activity. One prosperous American ranchman of birth and among whom the new military police force is being organized. Hermanns, who comes of a Mexican family, was taken into custody before his identity was established.

## Not Promised a Parole.

Willett denied that Mr. Weeks of John B. Riley, then state superintendent of prisons, had promised him parole or commutation of sentence in return for assistance or that he was hostile to Osborne, because the latter had opposed a parole bill pending in the legislature.

Mr. Willett said tonight that he would refrain from calling any witnesses, including Osborne himself, "if the state would not call anything more serious than it did today."

## SECURITIES VALUED AT \$2,000,000 IN PRIZE COURT.

Seized by British From Mails in Transit—German Ownership Suspected.

London, March 13, 5.50 p. m.—Securities valued at \$2,000,000 suspected as being of German ownership, seized from mails in transit, are now in possession of the prize court, according to a statement today by the foreign office. Securities have not yet been declared absolute, but soon be placed on the contraband list. Meanwhile seizures will be continued on the ground that under orders in Germany to Mexico to contraband credit for hostile belligerents and therefore can be legally held up.

## Drop All for Defense, BORAH URGES SENATE.

Mexican Trouble Makes Immediate Auction Necessary.

Washington, March 13.—Senator Borah, republican, urged the senate today to drop all other legislation and immediately consider the national preparedness program, in view of consequences that might arise from the decision to pursue Villa.

Chairman Chamberlain of the military committee told the senate that in his opinion the United States army did not have enough soldiers to cope with Mexico. He added he would not be surprised to see all Mexicans rally around Villa.

## ROCKEFELLER EXPEDITION MEMBERS CONTRACT TYPHUS.

Probably Will Be Quarantined in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico.

Laredo, Tex., March 13.—Doctors Carlos Rusk and Peter Kolitsky of New York, members of the Rockefeller expedition to Mexico to study typhus, have contracted the disease and have been taken to Nuevo Laredo, according to advice reaching here today. They probably will be quarantined there.

## Britain Releasing Men for Service.

London, March 13.—With a view to releasing more men for active service in the army the government has revised the list of starry occupations, employment in which has exempted men under 30 years in the starry list.

## Alleged Immoral Acts in Sing Sing

PROSECUTION TRYING TO PROVE WITH OSBORNE'S KNOWLEDGE

THE OLD STORY RETOLD

James Harvey, a Prison Inmate, on Whose Story Previous Inquiries Were Held Was Called a Witness.

White Plains, N. Y., March 13.—Testimony designed to show that Thomas Mott Osborne had full knowledge of alleged immoral conditions at Sing Sing prison while he was warden there was brought out by the prosecution at the trial of Osborne which began today. William Willett, Jr., a former congressman, who was imprisoned in Sing Sing for burglary and a supreme court judge's nomination in Queens county, and James Harvey, also a prison inmate, were the principal witnesses against Osborne. The indictment against the former warden, charging perjury, is based on his testimony before the grand jury in October before Dr. Rudolph Diefding, a state prison commissioner, who conducted an investigation at Sing Sing. Osborne testified before Dr. Diefding that there is immorality so far as the prison is concerned.

## Documentary Evidence Admitted.

Harvey, on whose story of immoralities three inquiries of Sing Sing prison were conducted, had testified to conditions there were illicit, now completing at the Great Meadows prison the sentence imposed after his conviction. His testimony as to the extent of Osborne's knowledge of the alleged immoral conditions was assisted by Assistant District Attorney William J. Fallon, who introduced documentary evidence in the form of Mutual Welfare league complaint and punishment slips, which were admitted into the inquiry during which the charges and showed the sentences imposed by the league on its offending members. This organization was inaugurated by Osborne in aid his "reform from within" plan.

## Sought to Prove Witness Was Disgruntled.

Through cross examination of Willett, George Gordon Battle, counsel for Osborne, sought to bring out that Willett, disgruntled because Osborne had not granted the parole of a prisoner, had aided the prosecution in the preparation of the perjury accusation in the hope that he would soon be released. When Harvey told before the welfare league of his immoral relations with a woman, Osborne's counsel sought to prove that Osborne had been disgruntled by the fact that he had been refused a parole. Osborne's counsel sought to prove that Osborne had been disgruntled by the fact that he had been refused a parole.

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## Dr. Henry van Dyke, American minister to Holland, sailed from New York for The Hague on the steamer Rotterdam to resume his duties.

## Carrying 25,000 tons of war supplies for Great Britain, the White Star liners Lapland and Cyclone sailed from New York. Neither ship carried passengers.

## Three persons were killed by a Pennsylvania train at York, Pa., yesterday when a horse pulling the carriage in which they were riding, balked on the tracks.

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## Dr. Wiesner R. Townsend, prominent physician and surgeon, was found dead in his home at the apartment in which he lived in New York City. He either jumped or fell from a window on the fifth floor.

## August Younge, aged 64, of Carlstadt, N. J., who committed suicide last month, left \$25,000 of his estate to the German government for the relief of widows and orphans in need because of the war.

## Strike at Cudahy Plant.

Sloux City, Iowa, March 13.—One thousand men at the Cudahy packing plant here quit work this afternoon. The strike leaders assert that the walkout was due to the discharge of men who had been active in the recent strike at the plant.

## Condensed Telegrams

The River Meuse in France is at flood stage.

Rumania has seized 50,000 wagonloads of cereals which has been sold to Germany.

No change has taken place in the railway laborers' strike at Danbury since Saturday.

George H. Emmott, dean of the law faculty of the University of Liverpool, died there, aged 60.

Sir James Key Caird, chief backer of the Shackleton Antarctic expedition, died in Dundee.

The Portuguese Cabinet resigned, giving way to a national defense Cabinet now being formed.

"I am in full sympathy with President Wilson's Mexican policy," William J. Bryan stated at Detroit.

J. P. Morgan sailed from London for New York on the steamer Philadelphia of the American line.

The new 27,500-ton battleship Nevada was put into commission at the Charlestown, Mass., Navy Yard.

Trinity Methodist Church, an historic Cincinnati structure, was destroyed by fire at a loss of \$50,000.

Frank Booth, oldest master plumber of Bridgeport, died, aged 79. He was head of the firm of F. & F. C. Booth.

The Midvale Steel and Ordnance Co. at Dover, Del., increased its capital stock from \$100,000,000 to \$150,000,000.

A number of members of the German Reichstag will visit Bulgaria next month and study the resources of the country.

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Patrick J. Pendergast, an elderly laborer, was probably fatally injured when a trolley car struck him at Bridgeport.

While testing a stabilizing device of his own invention, W. C. Robinson, well known aviator fell and was killed near Sewart, Iowa.

The United States army transport Kirkpatrick sailed from Genoa for Christobal with 500 men of the Fourth Field Artillery.

The Bridgeport Projectile Co. offered the War Department its entire plant to be used for the manufacture of munitions of war.

Prof. Louis Bevier, dean of Rutgers College, was elected president of the New Jersey Council of Education for the coming year.

Samuel Pyatt of South Plainfield, N. J., was struck and killed by a Lehigh Valley freight train at the South Plainfield station.

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